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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George N. VAKANAS et al. Conf.: 7944

Appl. No.: 09/265,297 Group: 1724

Filed: December 4, 1998 Examiner: I. CINTINS

For: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND ORGANIC SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents *OCT 24 2001* October 22, 2001
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICANT: George N. VALKANAS et al. CONF. NO.: T093
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 22, 2001
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 20, 2001, the period for responding having been extended one month to October 20, 2001 (a Saturday), the following amendments and remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. The ~~product~~ according to claim 27, wherein the polymer is polystyrene, SBS, or elastomer SBR.

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